

BARNES COUNTY PIONEER WRITES INTERESTING LETTER FROM OREGON

P. O. King, One of the First Settlers, Sends Greeting to Friends--Boosts This County.

Augen, Oregon, Nov. 10th, 1913
Now that I am back home in this much lauded, up western coast country I will try to fulfill my promise to many of the Valley City and Barnes county friends and write a letter. To write separately to all of the old friends would be too much of a task so in order to avoid the labor I am going to ask the Valley City Times Record to publish the letter as I know that that valuable publication goes to them all.

I have been asked to give my opinion and to tell the difference between the western coast country and dear old North Dakota, which yet in my opinion is going to be one of the best states in the union. First let me express my appreciation for the opportunity that gave me an opportunity for almost four months visit in Valley City and Barnes county. To all the friends who assisted in entertaining me and who offered me the hospitality of their homes I wish to express my thanks and to say that had I accepted all invitations I would have been there yet.

It is very natural that I should have a soft spot in my heart for Barnes county as I located there in 1877 and lived there constantly until six years ago and have moved three times since and am free to confess that I have failed to find new friends and associates to take the place of the old ones left behind in Barnes county. Upon my arrival in Valley City after six years absence when I saw the beautiful and familiar fields, the green fields and evidences of prosperity I thought, O why did I leave this to go west and seek a new home and regretted having done so, since at best there is nothing better.

The visit to the old home has done worlds of good, to see the Better Farming Clubs, the big fields of corn and evidences on every hand of development has opened my eyes and I am satisfied that Barnes county today with its splendid soil and good climate offers as good opportunities for agricultural pursuits as does any place in the world and I can only say to my friends do not make the mistake of being dissatisfied with a great oppor-

tunity such as you have there. Now that corn and alfalfa is being successfully raised I can look ahead to crossing the state and seeing silos and other evidence of dairying and stock raising such as herds of fat cattle peacefully grazing where I can remember seeing it before the wagon track even had left its mark over the virgin prairie.

Many have sold their Barnes county homes to move to other places where it was pictured that better opportunities existed and in some instances have lost all that they possessed only to learn that the perfect place does not exist and that Barnes county, N. D. offers as good an opportunity as any place that they were able to find and generally they find even better.

The fact in a few words is that it is an easy matter to print beautiful circulars about any country and to find suckers who will be fooled by them and this western country is working the presses overtime getting them out. This town of only 1500 has over fifty real estate dealers and everything here is for sale and this is, so far as I know true of the whole country. This has an element of suspicion that it would pay a man to investigate before selling a good farm to invest in the west.

Many instances have come to my notice where men have gone west and invested only to sell out at the first opportunity and go back and buy back the old home at an advanced price, glad to get back where there is less boom and more certainty of a square meal occasionally. For this kind of a letter I will be called a knocker and a kicker and some might invite me to go back from whence I came but I tell them the truth as I see it and I expect that it will hurt some speculators.

It is not my intention in writing this letter to try to stop anyone from going or moving to any of the western states, it is intended only for friends back at my old home that are figuring or intend to move west, to those I want to say go slow, do not be too hasty in selling out your good old home, but take a trip first and find out for yourself, then if you should like it and desire to buy a home somewhere,

again I say be careful, no not be too hasty, it is not always it turns out to be what it looks. I found this out myself. Coming out west, my first trip, to look around for a new home, I decided to locate in Idaho, bought a house with a good size lot, on which there were many different kinds of large fruit trees that I was told were good, as this was in the first part of May and the leaves just coming out the trees looked fine and good to me and I felt proud of my trees until I found out that the fruit was not of any account, so the next year I planted other trees in their place and Mr. Lars Jakobson, also one of the first settlers of Barnes county helped me grub out all the old ones and plant the new. So if you intend to come west and buy fruit orchards I say wait till you see the fruit first.

I do not question, but that many small fortunes have been made in the different places and the different fruits and perhaps a few large ones, but it is also a fact that fortunes have been lost and that there are other sides to the fruit question not often heard of or seen but found out after one has gone hopelessly into it. When the expenses of irrigating, pruning, spraying, cultivating, gathering, packing and selling is taken out it is often found that the profit if any, is not so large as many think it is. Another thing, might it not be possible that the fruit business could in a few more years be overdone. Every year new orchards are planted by inexperienced people and tens of thousands of undeveloped acres are being sold at big prices to the gullible and where the market will go, when all these acres of newly set and to be set orchards begin to bear is hard to foretell.

When back in my old home I was very glad to meet at Valley City my good old friend J. S. Weiser. I understand he is back from the west to his old home in Barnes County to stay. You all know the good old honest and reliable J. S. Weiser, if you want to find out anything about the fruit orchards and the west ask Mr. Weiser, as he has lived in one of the most noted fruit districts in the west, he knows something about it, and what he tells you (bet your boots) you can depend on.

So far, my dear readers let me say, it is not my intention and be it far from me to try to run down this western country, we all know that there is no place to be found on this earth that is perfect, not even North Dakota, and from what I have seen and know of the western states, must say that I find many things to praise, a fine climate and the best of water, which alone I tell you means a lot, but when there is much of fine rich land both for fruit and farming there is also plenty of land that a newcomer from the east better look out for before he buys.

When one goes to the county or state fairs out here he must admit that he finds on exhibit the finest kind of fruit and in all kinds of vegetables will see samples of very large and wonderful size, but then you know they send only the biggest and best, same as they do anywhere else.

This year there has been sent from these western states to exhibitions in the east all kinds of farm produce of the best to be obtained and for the purpose of advertising this western country and certainly it is as good as anyone could expect or could wish to see. It is not so much to be wondered at that this western country can show so much splendid produce of all kinds at the fairs, when one considers that it is raised on small tracts of land where the owner gives all his time and work to the care of the same during the year. Out here there are hundreds and hundreds that have only from one acre some two, three and five acres to take care of. If anyone of you in North Dakota should have only from one to five acres to take care of, at all times in the growing season, don't you think that you also could show some wonderful samples from your land, but you are doing this sometimes anyway, even if you have not the time to put so much work on your garden as you should. I have also noticed out here that they manure their tracts and lots very heavily. I have thought sometimes more than would be good for the land at one time, but I think now that a good deal of the land out here needs it and I have found this out in regard to the soil on my lot. This spring sometime before leaving for North Dakota I planted probably 25 to 30 hills of potatoes besides some other vegetables. Before I got back home when the potatoes were big enough to use my wife started to take them as needed and they were all used up before I got back home. It was very amusing to hear my wife tell about the time she started in to dig the first hills and found out it wasn't like digging potatoes in North Dakota. I had all the garden tools that a man would need and first she took a heavy potato or spading fork, but could not get it into the ground, so she went after the hoe, the same trouble, ground too hard, next she tried my new sharp

pointed shovel but nothing doing, so she surely thought she could chop the potatoes out and went and got the axe, but had to give that up too and as she stood there it struck her at once that water ought to do the business, because she remembered that it had not rained for four months. (It hardly ever rains during the summer) so she went and put two bucketfuls of water on the hill and gave it time to soak and that is the way she got the rest of the hills of potatoes out, (how would you like to have 160 acres like that back there in Barnes County) but never mind I am going to mix that soil with half manure so as to keep it from being hard as a rock. Of all the different fruits, vegetables and other farm produce I do not know which would be the most profitable out here. Some time ago there was a man here from Minnesota looking the country over, one day he asked a real estate dealer what would be the most profitable crop and he said eastern suckers, now I am sure this was said as a joke, but I am also sure that there are a good many out west who came from the east, that maybe will think it is not so much of a joke after all.

Before I close this letter I will say, that I see no good reason for anyone back at my old home, that is healthy and owns a good farm, large or small, why they should sell out to seek a new home elsewhere, especially do I say so in regard to young healthy people either on the farm, or those having a good occupation or job of any kind.

On the other hand I will say also that it might be different with old people or others that on account of their health have to seek a milder climate. I suppose that some of you readers will say, why don't I go back to my old home, right you are, if not for one reason I would just as soon do so, but let me tell you, that I am glad to say, that I am not so selfish, so as to do only what I like best myself, but that I am also looking to the welfare of others. The one good reason is that my wife would suffer more or less because her head is greatly affected by the cold weather in winter, if not for this, my wife would just as soon go back too and don't you forget it.

I think I have already said too much but my friends wanted me to tell them about this western country and I have tried to be as fair as I possibly could, and will close with best regards to all friends and wishing the state of North Dakota continuous prosperity.

Most respectfully,
—P. O. King.

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE.

Notice is hereby given that a certain mortgage executed and delivered by Peter Neilsus and Mary A. Neilsus, his wife, mortgagors to Lottie P. Beaver, mortgagee, dated the 25th day of November, 1908, and filed for record in the office of the Register of Deeds in and for Barnes County, North Dakota on the 1st day of December, 1908 at 3:55 p. m. on said day and duly recorded in Book 27 of Mortgages on Page 57 thereof, and which said mortgage was thereafter, by an instrument in writing, duly assigned by the said Lottie P. Beaver to Helen L. Rutherford of Washington, Pennsylvania, on the 15th day of July, 1910, which said assignment was filed and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds in and for Barnes County, North Dakota on the 9th day of April, 1913, at 9:09 o'clock a. m. on said day and was duly recorded in Book 22 of Miscellaneous on Page 543 thereof, will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises described in said mortgage, and which said premises are hereinafter described, at the front door of the Court House in the City of Valley City, Barnes County, North Dakota, at the hour of 2:00 o'clock p. m. on Saturday the 10th day of January, A. D. 1914, to satisfy the amount due under said mortgage on said day of sale, including taxes paid for the years 1910, 1911 and 1912 together with the statutory attorney's fees and the cost of said sale as allowed by law.

You are further notified that the default under said mortgage consists in this: That the said mortgagors have failed, neglected and refused to pay the principal and interest due on said indebtedness so secured by said mortgage, together with the taxes for the years 1910, 1911 and 1912 on the property therein described and under and pursuant to the terms and provisions of said mortgage.

You are further notified that the premises described in said mortgage and which will be sold to satisfy the same are described as follows, to-wit: The South Half (S 1/2) of Section Thirty-three (33), Township One Hundred Forty (140), Range Fifty-six (56), Barnes County, North Dakota.

You are further notified that there will be due and owing the said assignee of mortgage under the terms of said mortgage on the day of sale the sum of \$6,764.30, together with the sum of \$290.75 taxes paid by said mortgagee, together with the sum of \$170.25 statutory attorney's fees, to-



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Dated at Valley City, North Dakota, this 25th day of November, A. D. 1913.

HELEN L. RUTHERFORD,
Assignee of Mortgagee.

LEE COMBS and
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Valley City, North Dakota.
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